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ASC students help clean up

Approximately one hundred twenty Armstrong students have signed to participate in ten-million-dollar project to clean-up Savannah.

"Spring Clean-up in Savannah" is merely the first step in a project begun by banker Mills B. Lane to make Savannah a "showplace." This preliminary stage will be to encourage residents to get rid of unsightly trash, and students have been asked to "sell" this idea to block residents.

Only approximately sixty students attended the April 23rd meeting at Armstrong at which time the plan for the clean-up was presented. Slides were shown of the slums in Savannah, and the students attending were reminded that there are ten miles of unpaved streets in downtown Savannah.

Students were given a two-fold purpose for their participation: (1) to gain a "sense of accomplishment," and (2) to gain \$5000 for the college to be used in any manner if one hundred fifty students volunteered. Steve Colson, president of the SGA, said that he was "dubious, wondering if we'll meet our quota," because of the generally known lack of concern by ASC students. In addition to the \$5000, the club with the greatest percentage of the membership participating will receive a scholarship.

Savannah businesses join student discount Service

The Armstrong State College student discount service project is now in full swing. This service will allow students, upon presentation of their identification cards, to receive at least a ten percent discount on products and services from the two hundred participating merchants.

May 15 has been tentatively set for the discount rates to go into effect. At the present time, students are making personal visits to interested merchants in hopes of obtaining contract signatures.

The service is being sponsored by the ASC student government which is headed by its president, Steve Colson. Interest for this service

Masquers perform

The Masquers will present Harold Pinter's *The Caretaker* Wednesday through Saturday in Jenkins Auditorium. The play, which studies the conflict between two brothers and an outsider, stars Rod Ferguson, Andy Harrison, and Hugh Cobb. Armstrong students may pick up free tickets upon presentation of a student ID. Curtain time is 8:00 P.M.



Lt. Governor George T. Smith speaks to students.

photo by Tom Lovett

State's leading Dems appear at Armstrong

Within the space of two days, Armstrong recently hosted two of Georgia's most prominent political figures, Lt. Governor George T. Smith and former Governor Carl E. Sanders. Lt. Governor Smith visited the campus on Wednesday, April 17th; followed on Friday by the visit of former Governor Sanders. The appearances of both men were sponsored by the Young Democrats Organization.

In his prepared remarks Lt. Governor Smith discussed the relationship between youth and government leaders. He expressed the idea that one of our most serious domestic problems is a lack of communication between these

two parties. He said that student demonstrations, though they are useful when conducted peacefully, sometimes contribute to this lack of communication by failing to offer constructive alternatives. What is needed, felt Lt. Governor Smith, is not protest for the sake of protest, but a

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Armstrong Blood Drive to be held on Thursday

The Pioneer Days Blood Drive, sponsored by the Red Cross, will be held on Thursday, May 9, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the gym. The goal for the "Bleed-In" this quarter is 100 pints.

The trophy that is awarded to the organization that donates the most blood will be up for grabs again. Alpha Phi Omega captured the award Winter Quarter. Campus Nurse Jo Weeks said that she was looking forward to a heated contest this time.

Permission slips will be available in the Student Center, the Clinic, and the Student Personnel Office. Any student wishing to donate blood must be at least 18 years old, and if he is under 21, he must have the slip signed by his parent and turn it in when he goes to donate blood.

Mrs. Weeks said that she hoped the girls would come out in large numbers. She as-

Accrediting committee now visiting campus

The Visiting Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be on campus through Wednesday, May 8. The committee is here to examine the campus and to talk with the college community in preparation for a written report which will be used in determining the suitability of Armstrong State College for accreditation.

The committee met with the administration and department heads of the college at a dinner held this Sunday. At 12:30 on Monday and Tuesday the committee will lunch with students in the conference room. Student leaders of Armstrong were invited to the Monday luncheon, and on Tuesday the committee members invited students at random as they toured the campus.

The purpose of the Visiting Committee is to compile a factual report showing how

ASC measures up to the standards for accreditation set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Of eleven standards nine apply to Armstrong: 1) Statement of purpose of the institution. 2) Organization and administrative pattern. 3) Educational program (admissions, curriculum and grading system). 4) Financial resources. 5) Competency of the faculty. 6) Library. 7) Student personnel. 8) Physical plant (existing and planned facilities). 9) Special activities (extension work, off-campus centers and community services). Concerning these standards, President Ashmore says the college more than meets the requirements in all areas except the library. The crash program to build up the library for accreditation will reach its goal of 50,000 volumes by the end of this year. More important, says Dr. Ashmore, is the fact that more money has been allotted for the purchase of books next year than was made available this year. By the end of 1969 it is predicted that the library will have over 65,000 volumes.

On Wednesday the committee will present an oral report of their findings to President Ashmore. The written report will not be ready for two months or more after the committee's visit. In November the report will be studied and the decision on accreditation made.

If the school is accredited the decision will be retroactive to benefit the class of 1968. the first graduating class of Armstrong State College.

Students fill SGA posts; Smith becomes president

Student Government Elections held April 24 and 25 yielded a runoff for the office of Vice-President of the Student Government Association.

The head-to-head contest

for the vice-presidential slot was held May 1 and 2 between Abro Sutker and John Eure. In the original contest the third candidate for the office Dick Sanders was eliminated.

Eugene Smith was elected President of the Student Government Association in a one man race. Other SGA officials are Marilyn Davenport, Secretary, and Fletcher Burchett, Treasurer. They too were unopposed.

Elected Senators from the Senior class were William Brazier, George Chandler, L. Powell Gahagan, Charles Houston and Florence Williams. There was no opposition in this race.

Fred Brooks, R. Edward Forman, Stephen Douglas Langston, Nancy Stelljes, and Gwen Yawn were elected Sophomore Senators. Senators from the Junior Class will be Frances Berry, Carol Jordan, Joe Kelley, Richard Mangan, and Evelyn Miltiades.



Clay Doherty and Paul Ganem vote in the recent SGA elections.

photo by Tom Lovett

Democrats appear at ASC

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reasoned dissent which offers meaningful solutions.

Lt. Governor Smith went on to speak about education in our state. "The key to Georgia's future," he maintained, "lies in education." Smith called for the establishment of a system of state-supported kindergartens. He felt that it was important to provide educational opportunities for children during the formative pre-school years. He commended the federal government for its Head Start Program and expressed the idea that such programs were essential to Georgia's welfare.

Following his formal speech, Lt. Governor Smith conducted a question-and-answer session with students. The questions covered a wide range of topics, and, afterwards, several students expressed their appreciation to Smith's candor and frankness in handling their questions. After his talk with these students, the Lt. Governor was given a copy of the memorial tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, which had been prepared by several faculty members. Lt. Governor Smith expressed his appreciation for the presentation and his interest in the thoughts of these faculty members concerning Dr. King's death.

Former Governor Sanders, in his appearance before the Armstrong student body, talked briefly about his interest in the progress of Armstrong and of his hopes for its future

growth. He outlined the strides our college had taken during his administration, and he envisioned an even brighter future for Armstrong.

For the most part, however, Governor Sanders discussed the future of the two-party system in Georgia and the future of some of Georgia's rising leaders. He touched on the topic of the Vietnam War, saying that he felt President Johnson was determined to end the war before he left office. Governor Sanders also discussed national racial tensions; he called for positive steps towards communication by black and white alike. He cited Atlanta as an example of a city in which both sides have effectively worked for racial harmony.

When asked about his prospects for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination, Sanders adopted a wait-and-see attitude. He said that, "No one runs for the Vice-Presidency." He felt it best to leave this choice to the Democratic nominee. Sanders did not want to engage in speculation about his chances at such an early date.

Following his speech, former Governor Sanders was the guest of the college at a luncheon held in the Main Conference Room. He talked informally with the administrators, faculty members, and students who were present. Sanders then left the college for his next appointment, the taping of a local television public-affairs program.



Faculty adviser Miss Jeanne Scarborough, center, talks with the 1968-69 cheerleaders, from left to right: Anne Mitchell, Ellen Matthews, Angie Elliott, Valerie Tarver, Joannie Parker, Cynthia Fritts, and Pat Smith. Absent was Cindy Knight.
photo by Tom Lovett

Young Democrats switch endorsement to McCarthy

In a letter dated on April 16, Senator Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota, a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, acknowledged his appreciation to the Young Democrats Organization for its endorsement of his candidacy. The Young Democrats, who had been released from their previous endorsement of Mr. Abram Eisman, voted unanimously to support Senator McCarthy in a meeting held on April 9. In his letter to the Young Democrats, Senator McCarthy made note of the fact that, "The progress of the campaign across the nation is most encouraging."

He went on to pledge to "continue my efforts until the question of the Democratic nominee is decided by the convention in August."

I am pleased to know of your support," wrote Senator McCarthy, "and have referred your letter to my campaign committee." The Young Democrats expect to hear from McCarthy National Campaign Headquarters in the very near future concerning the acquisition of campaign material, which they intend to disseminate on the campus and throughout the city in order to promote Senator McCarthy's candidacy in this area.

Conservatives form at ASC

The Young Conservatives, a new political organization, is currently being formed at Armstrong.

According to club president Bill Rockwell, the aim of the Conservatives "is to promote conservative sociological, political, and economic ideas on the Armstrong campus." The club is "non-partisan" in that it is not associated with any organized political group.

Rockwell expressed concern about the apathy of students and said that his organization is "trying to stimulate interest in everything." The club has already sponsored a movie on Vietnam, and hopes to present other programs in the future.

"The majority of members are hawkish on Vietnam," according to their new president. Rockwell added that his personal opinion concerning objection to the war is that "moral convictions of individuals must take second place to the welfare of the state."

The other Young Conservative officers are Curtis Bowman, vice-president; Barbara Hill, secretary, and Sid Gibbs, treasurer. Dr. Alex Beltz is currently serving as faculty advisor.

The Young Conservatives endorsed Richard Nixon for the United States Presidency at the May 1st meeting.

ASC acts on accrediting recommendations

1. Registrar was cautioned to insist on faculty signatures on grade sheets, grade changes or corrections and alterations on either permanent record or grade sheets. Grade changes should be approved by faculty only.

Action: This has been effected.

2. The suggestion was made that the Admissions Office and Registrar's Office be separated.

Action: This was done effective the 1967-68 school year.

3. The Maintenance staff is inadequate. There is insufficient expenditure for maintenance of buildings and grounds. Equipment is inadequate as too much depends upon surplus government property. Maintenance building is too small, as are storage facilities. New buildings now require little attention, but maintenance will rise rapidly in the next few years in cleaning, painting and preventive maintenance.

Action: Two additional persons were added in the 1967-68 year; 10 additional have been requested for 1968-69.

4. Business Manager should notify Scholarship Committee of all scholarships awarded to students by any group or individual if the funds go through the Business Office. Inactive scholarship accounts should

also be reported to them.

Action: This is now being done.

5. There is an insufficient supply of secretarial help and clerical help given the departments and faculty.

Action: One additional person was added in the 1967-68 year; three additional are requested for 1968-69.

6. Curricular expansion beyond the bachelor's level should not be encouraged, and faculty should be clearly told that for the next several years all efforts should be placed on strengthening the undergraduate offerings.

Action: There are currently no plans to expand the present offerings beyond the bachelor's level.

7. There is need for a Placement Office for helping students and local businesses to assist each other through part-time employment, summer employment, or employment upon completion of their college work.

Action: Such an office has been effected.

8. Alumni participation and support should be encouraged.

Action: This is being worked on and efforts are being made to increase interest and support.

9. The counseling of students and the disciplining of students should not be done by the same person.

Action: Disciplining, in the final analysis, rests with a faculty committee which makes a recommendation to the President. A panel composed of faculty and students is currently reviewing this area of student life.

10. There is an increasing need for providing counseling and possibly psychiatric help for the students.

Action: A request has been made for additional personnel for the 1968-69 school year.

11. Equipment is needed for the Nursing Clinic.

Action: Additional equipment has been provided.

12. Students should be made aware of the process involved in seeking accreditation and should be encouraged to participate.

Action: There have been several student convocations when this was discussed. The student newspaper has covered this extensively.

13. There is a definite gain to be had by bringing community leaders into some association with the college where they could feel a part of its growth and community service. An Advisory Council to the President, or some other body to attract their help, could be the answer.

Action: The President is currently working with the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, the Athletic Association, and other interested groups.

14. An audit system for student funds should be clearly developed and accounts verified prior to end of the third quarter. All balances in their funds should be kept in custody by Business Office until the activity is reorganized in fall term.

Action: This is now being done.

15. The Faculty Committee on Athletics should be activated or a new one appointed.

Action: The Athletic Committee has been, and is, a standing committee of the faculty.

16. The book holdings in the library are very low. A select collection of 75,000 volumes is needed as quickly as possible. Plans should be made immediately to expand the library—stacks and reading room. A fixed annual budget should be given to the library for books and periodicals and this should not be cut if enrollment or income does not come up to estimates.

Library hours should be increased. Continuity should be arranged for membership on Library Committee so that a complete turnover will not take place each year.

Allocation of funds to departments should be done by Library Committee and not left to the librarian. Of course, her advice is sought on need to improve certain sections of the collection.

A special appropriation is needed to build up back issues of periodicals.

Salary scale for Library staff needs to be brought in line with faculty scale.

Action: Book holdings will approximate 50,000 by the end of the 1967-68 term. Approximately \$75,000 is budgeted for 1968-69. Back issues of periodicals are being sought. The salaries of librarian and her staff have been brought into greater balance with the other faculty.

17. There is an urgent need for adequate long range educational and architectural planning.

Action: This request has been made to the Board of Regents. Current negotiations

are underway with an Atlanta firm to accomplish this during the summer of 1968.

18. The Honor System needs careful attention by faculty and administration as well as by students.

Action: This has been done.

19. In future catalogs there should be shown the years or quarters in which certain courses will be offered. The present catalog shows far more courses than could be handled adequately by the faculty in any one year. Be careful of proliferation, especially in the offerings on the junior and senior level.

Action: This is now being done on those courses which are not offered each quarter; in addition, a schedule is published each Spring for the succeeding college year.

20. Wherever possible, the selection of new faculty should be done with all members of the department taking part in the selection.

Action: This is the practice of the college.

21. There are too many faculty committees. Rotation and continuity of composition should both be considered.

Action: These have been changed according to new statutes and by-laws.

22. Faculty qualifications are good. Ph.D. ratio is very high for a developing institution.

Action: This will be improved in 1968-69 term.

23. Tenure and security of faculty should be considered.

Action: This has been, and is, covered adequately by the Regent's policies.

24. The salaries of the nursing faculty are not in line with other faculty salaries and should be given consideration as soon as possible.

Action: This is being done.



Action during a recent game on the Armstrong diamond.